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SUBJECT: CSCE: VIEWS BY SOME NATO AMBASSADORS

1. CSCE DEVELOPMENTS CAME UP BOTH IN SEPARATE DISCUSSIONS THAT BRITISH AMBASSADOR AND I RECENTLY HAD WITH GERARD ANDRE, FRENCH AMBASSADOR TO FINLAND WHO PRESENTLY HEAD OF FRENCH CSCE DELEGATION, AND AT FEB 12 NATO AMBASSADORS' LUNCHEON ATTENDED BY BELGIAN, BRITISH, CANADIAN, DUTCH, FRG AND NORWEGIAN AMBASSADORS.

2. ANDRE WAS VERY PESSIMISTIC ABOUT DEVELOPMENTS AT GENEVA STAGE II TALKS. HE FEELS THAT SOVIETS ARE
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BEING MORE OBSTINATE THAN EVER. ANDRE SEES THE

POSSIBILITY THAT FRENCH WILL WITHHOLD FINAL AGREEMENT IF THERE IS NOT CONSIDERABLY MORE PROGRESS THAN IS CASE AT PRESENT. HE ALSO MADE POINT THAT WHILE TURKS AND GREEKS VERY QUIET AT THIS TIME, THEY CERTAINLY WILL NOT SIGN ANY AGREEMENT AS LONG AS CYPRUS ISSUE IS NOT SETTLED.

3. BELGIAN AMBASSADOR SAID THAT HE HAS BEEN ASKED TO HEAD UP THEIR CSCE DELEGATION AGAIN, BUT HAS REFUSED ON BASIS THAT IN HIS ESTIMATION IT IS A WASTE OF TIME. HE STATED THAT HE HAD BEEN THERE SEVERAL MONTHS AND NOTHING HAD BEEN ACCOMPLISHED. HE ALSO SAID THAT HE COULD NOT, WITH CLEAR CONSCIENCE, SIGN AN AGREEMENT WHERE HUMAN RIGHTS PROBLEM WAS NOT RESOLVED.

4. DUTCH AMBASSADOR CLAIMED THAT DUTCH CSCE DELEGATION IS NOT IN ANY FRAME OF MIND TO COOPERATE AS LONG AS SOVIETS MAKE NO MEANINGFUL CONCESSIONS, PARTICULARLY IN AREA OF HUMAN RIGHTS AND CONTACTS.

5. GERMAN AMBASSADOR POINTED OUT THAT HIS GOVERNMENT HAD NOT GIVEN FINAL AGREEMENT TO PRINCIPLE ON INVIO-
ABILITY OF BORDERS, AND WAS UNLIKELY TO DO SO ON BASIS OF WHAT HAD BEEN ACCOMPLISHED SO FAR IN OTHER AREAS OF CSCE MATTERS.

6. SEVERAL OF AMBASSADORS FELT THAT SOVIETS MIGHT BE STONE-WALLING BECAUSE BREZHNEV'S POSITION IN KREMLIN HIERARCHY IS UNCLEAR AND THAT SOVIET DELEGATION MAY THEREFORE IN ACTUAL FACT BE WITHOUT ANY CLEAR INSTRUCTIONS.

7. CONSENSUS AMONG ALLIED AMBASSADORS WAS THAT FINAL STAGE III WOULD NOT TAKE PLACE BEFORE SEPTEMBER, AND SOME QUESTION WHETHER IT WOULD EVER COME ABOUT.
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